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HERRING POT IS BOILING.

"Gloucester fishermen have no desire to be unreasonable. They are willing to make any concession which does not ruin the prospect of a successful herring season, but, obviously, they cannot afford to buy herring in the open market in Newfoundland and pay \$1.14 duty.

"For the last 12 years the price of herring in the United States has varied from \$2.50 to \$4 a barrel. We have already waived our rights to use purse seines for the present, and it is supposed by both the British government and our own state department that this concession would be gratefully appreciated by the Newfoundland authorities.

"Inasmuch as the Newfoundland native fishermen complain of the hardship of being shipped outside the three-mile limit, I feel sure that the Gloucester vessels would consent to ship them at their homes. This would remove the principal source of complaint on the part of the natives. This probably would not satisfy Sir Robert Bond, inasmuch as his policy is purely retaliatory."

In an interview last night, Senator Lodge declared:

"Premier Bond has nothing to do with it; he has no power to act in the matter, neither has Newfoundland anything to do with it at the present stage. The modus vivendi was made between the United States government and the British government. Premier Bond could not change it if he wanted to.

"This agreement gives Americans the right to ship Newfoundland fishermen and, on the other hand, prohibits Sunday fishing and certain kinds of seining. This agreement between the United States and Great Britain stands until the entire matter can be placed before The Hague tribunal for arbitration and that will take some time.

"One of the matters The Hague court will take up will be whether or not this is a matter for colonial legislation; that is, whether or not Newfoundland can decide the question, or whether or not the treaty of 1818 shall be continued."

Senator Lodge did not consider the matter in any way serious, although he admitted that he could not understand it. Congressman Gardner, on the other hand, although he took the same view, as to Premier Bond's limitations so far as the modus vivendi was concerned, as did Senator Lodge, regarded the matter in a much more serious light.

Following the usual Gloucester line of policy, the committee of the Board of Trade who yesterday called on Congressman Gardner declined to be interviewed or have anything to say on the subject, believing that the interest of the American fisheries could be best served by little or no talk on the subject.

Although nothing has been said, it is the general opinion that there is a unanimity of ideas on the matter and that Gloucester looks on it, as it has on all other knotty points in this Newfoundland trouble during the past three seasons, as a matter between the United States and England, with Newfoundland trying to make all the trouble it can. As usual, Gloucester's interests are in good hands and there is no idea that the herring fishery at Bay of Islands will be abandoned for this winter, and it seems to be the general opinion that there is no idea of buying herring as Premier Bond is trying to make us do.

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BOND AT WORK AGAIN.**Refuses To Allow Newfoundland Fishermen To Ship.****IN OR OUT THREE MILE LIMIT.****Other Unexpected Features Complicate Herring Situation.**

A new light was shed on the Newfoundland herring fisheries trouble today, and coming as it does when it was supposed that there was to be smooth sailing for both sides the present season, it shows that beneath the honeyed phrases of his recent edict that the fishermen of the west coast could sell their herring to the highest bidder, Premier Bond was holding back something which he thought would be a trump card, and what it was came out today.

It came to light undoubtedly sooner than the premier expected and is fortunately discovered in time to be met.

On Monday last, President Thomas J. Carroll of the board of trade sent for that organization a telegram to the premier asking him very plainly if he would permit the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen on American vessels, inside the three mile limit to catch herring the present season.

The people on the west coast understood from the premier's recent telegrams to them that were to have that privilege, as well as the privilege of selling to the highest bidder, in fact dispatches from St. John's, N. F., led the fishing interest here to believe the same thing.

To make sure, however, the telegram was sent, and last evening Sir Robert Bond let the cat out of the bag in a reply telegram which stated that he would permit the catching and selling of herring to the highest bidder, but that he could not permit the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen on American vessels.

Thus it appears that notwithstanding the proclamation of the imperial rescript on September 26, which virtually annulled the salient features of Bond's foreign fishing vessels act, the premier is still disposed to make the sledding as hard as possible for the American fleet. In this present case it is simply an attempt to make the Americans buy their herring fares, instead of hiring men and making them part of their crews to catch them, and thus gain a point or make a point that when our vessels arrive home with cargoes they would be dutiable.

Just before the Times goes to press, it is understood that other features of much importance have entered into the case, and that they have been brought up very suddenly and unexpectedly and to complicate the whole matter to a serious degree, so that at present everything is "all in the air" as far as the herring season is concerned.

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RELEASED ON LIGHT FINE.**Guilt Was Admitted in Sch. Fannie E. Prescott Case.****VESSEL SAILS FOR HOME TODAY****Owners Pay \$200 Fine Imposed by Admiralty Court.**

After having been detained at the government dock at Halifax, N. S., since June, sch. Fannie E. Prescott, of Boston, finally was released yesterday, after payment by her owners of a fine of \$200 and costs for alleged violation of the fisheries laws.

The Prescott was seized by a government cruiser last June on the charge of having been engaged in fishing inside the three-mile limit. Although her owners protested that the schooner had not violated the law, she was taken to the dockyard and stripped, and her fare of mackerel was sold. Recently the owners abandoned their defense and entered a plea of guilty, whereupon the admiralty court imposed a fine and ordered the release of the schooner.

The fine was paid, and yesterday the schooner was turned over to Capt. Henry M. Atwood and a crew sent there by the owners.

The Prescott is being refitted and it is expected that she will sail today for this port where she will fit out for haddocking.

Capt. Atwood of this city, who is the vessel manager of the Atlantic Maritime Co., which owns the vessel, and which has its vessel headquarters at this port, went to Halifax last week to complete the final arrangements for the release of the craft and the payment of the fine, the amount of which was not given out until yesterday.

The small size of the fine imposed is causing much favorable comment among vessel owners and the general public, most of whom believed that it would be at least \$1000 or more. It is taken to mean that the Canadian government in this case was satisfied with an admission of guilt, and that the imposing of the small fine was practically a matter of form.

The owners of the Prescott are certainly very fortunate in securing the return of their vessel on so slight a fine, as she is one of the finest crafts in the New England fishing fleet. In times past, other American seiners seized for the same offence, alleged fishing within the three mile limit, have been confiscated and never returned, while in other cases it has cost the owners of seized crafts as high as \$7000 to secure the release of the vessel.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Eglantine, Maine coast, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Actor, Maine coast, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine coast, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, Maine coast, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
Market price, salt bank cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3 for medium.
Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.25 cwt. for large, \$3.25 medium, \$2.50 for snappers.
Fresh round pollock, 85c per cwt.
Large fresh mackerel, 30 cts. each.
Fresh medium mackerel 20 cts. each.
Dressed fresh pollock, 60 cts. per cwt.
Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, \$19 and \$20 per bbl. for mediums, and \$15 for small.
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 95,000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.
Sch. Annie Perry, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Mattakesett, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Lear C., 4000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Mina Swim, 16,000 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 2500 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Grace Darling, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 11000 pollock.
Sch. Louise C. Cabra, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Morning Star, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 9000 haddock, 1400 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 15,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.25 to \$6.50, market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35; cusk, \$1.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Larkin is fitting sch. Rob Roy for a Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Titania will fit for deck handing under command of Capt. Patrick Vale.

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FISHING TRIP SETTLEMENT.**Copy of Document Now Over One Hundred Years Old.**

Mr. Henry C. L. Haskell has in his possession a rare and ancient document in the form of the settlement of a fishing trip in 1754, over a century ago, which reads as follows:

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SIR ROBERT BOND'S Bond, premier
LATEST of the island
COLD BLUFF. colony of
New found-

land, is nothing if not sensational, indeed he seems to be wedded to sensationalism.

For three years now, he has tried to make things as uncomfortable for the American fishing interest as can be imagined. He has made it uncomfortable at times. About all that he has done in this direction has been in spread eagle style, and in about every instance he has come out on the lee end.

Sir Robert because so sensational that the staid old mother country had to take him in hand and not only point him the way, but make the way for him. And now, when everything had supposedly been settled whereby things in the herring business might go along smoothly, pending the Hague tribunal's decision, Premier Bond gets on his sensational high horse again and throws another bombshell into the peaceful situation.

But this bombshell, like many others of his manufacture, is of the bluff variety, a long fuse that splutters noisily and showily, but which has no real explosive attached to it—all noise and show and no damaging power.

For this last act of the Newfoundland premier is nothing but a bluff, pure and simple. Pompously ignoring the *modus vivendi* and the recent imperial rescript, he calmly tells us that he will permit his west coast fishermen to sell their herring to the highest bidder, but that he will not permit them to ship on our vessels.

Just what he expects to gain, or where he expects to come out on this last move is beyond the ken of the average man. Gloucester is not worrying herself much about it. How much effect it has had here can be judged from the fact that only yesterday five more vessels sailed for Bay of Islands, and on the day before that two sailed for there also,—and [they did not go to buy herring.

Those having Gloucester's interests in charge are making no noise and are not talking for publication, but it can be safely said that already Premier Bond's latest bluff has been promptly called, and the herring that the American fishing interest will buy at Bay of Islands this season will not fill many 40 pound boxes.

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OFF COX'S LEDGE.

Good Body of Mackerel Now Reported Schooling.

Sch. Good Luck at Newport with 21 Barrels Small Mackerel

A special to the Times this morning from its Newport, R. I., correspondent, reports the arrival there of sch. Good Luck, Capt. G. Melville McClain, with 21 barrels of small, fresh mackerel. Capt. McClain reports a good body of mackerel on Cox's Ledge, but the weather is bad.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 30,040 barrels against 9656 barrels last year to date.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 11,351 barrels against 21,500 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 52,140 barrels against 33,880 barrels at this time last year.

The imports of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 5515 barrels against 16,911 barrels at this time last season.

The little sch. Freedom reached T wharf, Boston, yesterday afternoon with 800 fresh mackerel, which brought 35 cents each for large and 25 cents each for mediums, the highest price at Boston this season.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Maine coast, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Volant, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Paragon, Le Have Bank, 7000 lbs. halibut, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt fish.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, shore, 23,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Ramona, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Grayling, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Thalia, via Boston.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., via Boston.
Sch. Marsala, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Frances V. Silva, 2000 haddock, 400 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Frances Whalen, 15,000 haddock 19,000 cod, 14,000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Manomet, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. James W. Parker, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Klondike, 2600 pollock.
Sch. Nettie, 100 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Freedom, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hurricane, 70 bbls. fresh herring.
Haddock, \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, which has been at Boston for some weeks, having her engine overhauled, came to this port last evening and will haul up for a while, prior to fitting for haddocking.

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Fish Receipts.

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries for August shows that for that month 6,546,506 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$110,609 and 3,660,345 pounds of salt fish, valued at \$224,026, were landed at this port and 9,594,475 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$306,300 and 68,400 pounds of salt fish valued at \$5,495, were landed at Boston.

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Large Fish Receipts at Boston.

This is the biggest day of the fall season at Boston there being 52 arrivals with fares aggregating over 1,000,000 pounds of fish. Many of the Channel fleet are in. They report bad weather and fished four days for what they have.

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BLUFF WILL NOT WORK.

West Coast Fishermen Will Look to Capt. Anstruther

HAS MADE STUDY OF SUBJECT.

Expected To Advise on Line of Modus Vivendi

It now appears that in working his big cold bluff, Sir Robert Bond has reckoned without his host in at least one direction.

He figured that by giving the fishermen a right to sell their herring to the highest bidder he was pleasing them to the limit and at the same time eliminating the possibility of their wanting or caring to ship on the American crafts by his statement that he would not permit the same, either inside or outside of the three mile limit.

Unfortunately for him, he forgot that the English government is represented at the Bay of Islands this season, as it was last, in the most able manner, by Capt. Anstruther of the British warship *Brilliant*. Last season Capt. Anstruther's services were deemed of so much value by the home government that he was one of the few chosen to be decorated by order of King Edward with the insignia of one of the high orders.

This season, the warship *Brilliant* and Capt. Anstruther are to be there again. The captain has made an exhaustive study of the whole situation, and it is understood that to him the fishermen of the west coast are now looking for advice.

It follows as a matter of course that Capt. Anstruther will advise in line of the *modus vivendi* and the imperial rescript, and with this state of affairs, it is difficult to see where Sir Robert Bond is in any position to execute any coup d'etat.

Latest advices from Bay of Islands give no cause for immediate apprehension for the failure of our winter herring fishery and it rather seems that Premier Bond has built a huge trap, designed for others, but into which he himself will fall.

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GOOD SIGNS OFF SOURIS.

Sch. Diana Got 30 Barrel Haul There Thursday Night.

Two Netters Made Nice Catches Off Thachers Saturday.

A special to the Times from its correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., states that sch. Diana of this port put in there Friday morning and reported taking 30 barrels of fine mackerel Thursday evening. Some of the Gloucester fleet have gone to the Cape Breton coast, but the Diana and Parthia remain off there. A good body of fish and good fishing is now reported off Souris. Friday turned out fine and the Diana went right out again.